| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
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| 6. | Integrated Dev. of Tribal Circuit on Eco Tourism at Spiti | 698.00 | 558.40 |
| 7. | Mountain Biking Event, 2007 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| 8. | Himalayan Adventure Race 2007 | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 9. | Kullu Dussehra Festival | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 10. | Shimla Summer Festival | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| 11. | Great Himalayan Marathan | 5.00 | 5.00 |
| | **2008-09** | | |
| 12. | Integrated development of Una-Bilaspur-Hamirpur circuit | 760.00 | 608.00 |
| 13. | Integrated development of Hamirpur as a tourist circuit | 600.00 | 480.00 |
| 14. | Integrated development of Solan District as a circuit | 420.00 | 336.00 |
| 15. | Integrated development of Chail as a destination | 480.00 | 340.00 |
| 16. | Integrated development of Joginder Nagar Bir Billing as a destination | 427.90 | 342.32 |
| 17. | Integrated development of Naldhera as a destination | 269.76 | 215.80 |
| 18. | Organizing of Minjar Fair Chamba, 2008 | 5.00 | 4.00 |
| 19. | Mountain Biking Event MTB 2008 | 10.00 | 8.00 |
| | TOTAL | 5253.88 | 4214.09 |

**Crimes against foreign tourists**

2425. SHRI BHAGAT SINGH KOSHYARI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of foreign tourists who have visited India during last two years and how many of them registered complaints against cheating, harassment, rape and murder etc.,

(b) the action taken on complaints registered, complaint-wise, city-wise;

(c) the measures taken for the safety and security of foreign tourists; and

(d) the measures taken to attract more foreign tourists?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) Foreign tourists who have visited Indian during last two years is as under

| Year | 2007 | 2008 |
|---|---|---|
| Foreign Tourist Arrivals | 5081504 | 5366966 |

'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India and as such, registration, investigation, detection and prevention of crime including crimes against foreign tourists, is primarily the responsibility of the State Government.

However, in order to ensure the safety and security of foreign tourists, Ministry of Tourism has advised all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to deploy Tourist Police, in one form or the other. Ministry of Tourism has also circulated guidelines for formation of Tourist Security Organization(s) comprising Ex-Servicemen for the safety and security of tourists to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations.

(d) To increase the Number of Foreign Tourist Arrivals, Ministry of Tourism through its India Tourism offices overseas is undertaking a series of promotional activities like advertising, participation in travel fairs, exhibitions, road shows, India evenings, seminars and workshops, Indian food and cultural festivals, publication of brochures, inviting media personalities, tour operators and opinion markers to visit the country under the Hospitality Programme of the Ministry. Further, Ministry of Tourism also launched 'Visit India Year-2009' in collaboration with Hoteliers, Tour Operators, Airlines and other service providers in the tourism sector for incentivizing and attracting foreign tourists to the country.

**Access to tourist destinations in Himachal Pradesh**

2426. SHRIMATI VIPLOVE THAKUR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to construct helipads to facilitate the access of foreign tourists as well as domestic, to those tourist destinations, which are situated on high top of hills in Himachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the location-wise details thereof; and

(c) to what extent Government is likely to be benefited from the said scheme?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Tourism now provides Central Financial Assistance upto Rs.75.00 lakh to States and Union Territories for construction of heliports. Financial assistance is provided for construction of Heliports as a component under the Scheme of Product/Infrastructure Development of destinations in hilly and remote areas, lacking accessibility. Stand alone projects are inadmissible. Till now Ministry of Tourism has granted Central Financial Assistance for three destination projects that include development of Heliports *viz.* Destination Development of Mangan Tourist Axis including Heliport